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SUBJ: CEASE-FIRE THAT ALMOST WAS

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1. AFTER SEVERAL DAY'S RELATIVE QUIESCENCE, EGYPTIAN MEDIA
AUGUST 17 RESUMED ATTACKS ON QADHAFI WITH VITRIOLIC VIGOR.
GUMHURIYYA HEADLINED "HIS MASTER'S VOICE". PAPER SAID
QADHAFI HAS BROKEN TRUCE (WHICH HE HIMSELF PROPOSED)
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BY ATTACKING EGYPTIAN DECISION WITHHOLD COTTON FROM USSR.
GUMHURIYYA CONCLUDED THIS DEMONSTRATES CLEARLY TO WHOSE
TUNE LIBYAN LEADER MARCHES. IN SEPARATE ARTICLE, GUM-
HURIYYA REPORTED QADHAFI'S CLAIM OF U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN
RECENT FIGHTING ISSUED SOLELY IN EFFORT OBTAIN ACTIVE
SOVIET MILITARY INTERVENTION. PAPER SAYS SOVIETS TOLD

QADHAFI THAY WOULD NOT BECOME INVOLVED UNLESS U.S. ASSISTED
EGYPT. LIBYAN LEADER, THEREFORE, MANUFACTURED BOGUS
INTERVENTION IN HOPES OBTAINING SOVIET SUPPORT.

2. AKHBAR, IN LENGTHY COMMENTARY BY MANAGING EDITOR,
WARNED QADHAFI OF HIS CURRENT COURSE OF ACTION. SAID
NO ONE ALIVE HAS RENDERED GREATER SERVICE TO THE SOVIET
UNION THAN QADHAFI, THE "INSIGNIFICANT PERSON" FAVORED
BY ENEMIES OF ARAB NATION. AKHBAR SAYS QADHAFI HAS
OPENED DOOR TO RUSSIAN ENSLAVEMENT AND CUBAN DOMINATION
AND HAS ALLOWED MERCENARIES IMPOSE THEIR STRENGTH
ON LIBYAN PEOPLE. PAPER CONCLUDES QADHAFI AN INDIVIDUAL
WHO CLAIMS TO BE MUSLIM BUT NOW AN ATHEIST; MAN WHO SPEAKS
OF IMPERIALISM BUT ACTUALLY (FOREIGN) AGENT. AKHBAR
WARNED QADHAFI AGAINST FALLING INTO ABYSS WHILE "INTOXICATED
BY VODKA IN THIS MONTH OF RAMADAN."

3. AHAM, TOO, TOOK OCCASION TO ATTACK QADHAFI, IN
ARTICLE WHICH IT ALSO AT PAPER'S FORMER EDITOR MUHAMMAD
HAYKAL. PAPER LUMPED QADHAFI, HAYKAL, BEGIN AND BREZHNEV
IN PLOT AIMED AT SUBJUGATING ARAB NATION.
HOWEVER, PAPER GLEEFULLY REPORTED THAT HAYKAL HAS NOW
SWITCHED HIS SUPPORT TO THE SAUDIS IN RECENT (UNDATED)
AL-ANWAR ARTICLE, THEREBY DEMONSTRATING HE AN "UNFAITHFUL
FRIEND". (AHAM CAREFULLY NOTED THAT SAUDI CROWN PRINCE
BANNED PUBLICATION THIS ARTICLE IN KINGDOM.)
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4. COMMENT. PROGAGANDA CEASE-FIRE APPARENTLY NOW OFFICIALLY
OFF (IF IT WAS EVER ON) AND CHANCES FOR SUCCESSFUL THIRD PARTY
MEDIATION OF EGYPTIAN/LIBYAN DISPUTE LOOK EVER MORE DISTANT.
PROPAGANDA CEASE-FIRE NEVER REALLY TOOK HOLD IN EGYPT, ALTHOUGH
THERE WAS RELATIVE LULL FOLLOWING
SADAT'S AUGUST 7-8 ATTACKS ON
QADHAFI IN SPEECHES TO MILITARY NEAR WESTERN FRONT
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